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In re Application of  
Kristen Diane Ondek  
Application No. 09/349,676  
Filed: July 8, 1999  
For: AFTER-SALES CUSTOMIZATION  
SPECIFIED BY RETAILER ACTS AS  
INCENTIVE

: DECISION ON PETITION  
: TO WITHDRAW THE  
: HOLDING OF ABANDONMENT

This is in response to applicant's petition to withdraw the holding of abandonment filed with the United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO), on July 29, 2002. There is no fee for this petition.

The petition is **GRANTED**.

A review of the file record indicates that the application was held abandoned for failing to file a timely response to an Office communication dated January 17, 2002. Although no formal notice of abandonment has yet been mailed, the six-month response period has expired, and the application is in fact abandoned.

Applicant's petition includes a copy of a response and includes USPTO facsimile return receipt bearing a transmittal date of March 8, 2002. This is sufficient evidence of a timely response.

Since a timely response to the Office action was filed, the holding of abandonment is withdrawn and the application is restored to pending status. The application is being forwarded to the Supervisory Legal Instruments Examiner for entry of the response filed with the petition, and then to the Primary Examiner for prompt action on the merits of the application.

  
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